Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 408.**

Statement showing the average price of paddy and cocoanuts in 1109 and in the first 7 months of 1111.

Average Price of paddy per para						*Average price of cocoanuts per 100,*					
1109.			*1st 7 months of 1111.*			*1109.*			*1st 7 months of 1111.*		
Rs.	ch.	c.	Rs.	ch.	c.	Rs.	ch.	c.	Rs.	ch.	c.
0	12	3	0	16	5	2	3	2	3	11	4

NOTICES OF ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

PRESIDENT: Two adjournment motions of which notice had been given are still awaiting the ruling of the Chair. One of them is from Mr. Velayudhan Pillai. It reads:

> "I beg leave to move that the business of the House be adjourned to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the sanctioning of salaries larger than those prescribed in the Standardisation G. O., the insult and injury which are being inflicted on the Travancoreans generally, and the demoralisation and heart-burning among the members of the Public Service and of the Bar, caused by the appointment of foreigners, as for example, that of Mr. T. S. Narayana Aiyar as a Puisne Judge of the Travancore High Court."

Of course, an adjournment motion should refer only to a definite matter of public importance. The definite matter of public importance which emerges from this adjournment motion is the recent appointment of Mr. T. S. Narayana Aiyar as a Puisne Judge of the High Court. Appointments to the High Court are made by His Highness the Maharaja and they are gazetted as such. Actions of the Sovereign cannot be discussed on the floor of the House. And, therefore, I disallow the motion.

There is another adjournment motion, and that is the last. This is from Mr. Kuriakose. He says:

> "I beg leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a matter of definite urgent public importance, namely, the confusion brought about in the matter of settling *jenmikaram* cases on account of the uncertainty created by the inconsistent Government order in connection with the cubical capacity of the Agrasala *para* which will seriously affect the whole Kudiyan population of the State."

Honourable members may remember that this adjournment motion has a history behind it. I will allow the Honourable Member who has sent this adjournment motion to speak for himself. Along with it, he has sent a letter which runs thus:—

> "I am tabling herewith an adjournment motion which, I may remined you, was tabled during the last session and allowed by you. Unfortunately, the House without well understanding the seriousness of the motion, disallowed its discussion then. I am placing it again before you in accordance with the permission you gave me during the personal interview that I had with you the next day."

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As responsible for the dignity of the House, I must certainly protest against the second sentence. Everything that this House does, it does with a full sense of its responsibility. It does so after due consideration of every question that comes before it and it does not pass any resolution negligently or hastily. Therefore, I say that I should not allow that statement in an official letter to go unchallenged.

About the merits of the adjournment motion, the House will recall that this was allowed by the Chair on the last occasion, and when it was put to the House, the House refused to give leave. On this occasion also, I propose to put the resolution to the House and ask whether leave can be granted.

MR. T. JAYANTAN NAMBOOTIRI (*Travancore Jenmies, North*): I object.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Mr. Kuriakose is not present. Can it be taken up in his absence?

PRESIDENT: I cannot help it. I promised to deliver my ruling to-day. It was his duty to have come to-day. How many honourable members agree to the adjournment motion being taken up?

(Mr. N. E. Varughese alone stood up).

Leave to move the adjournment motion was refused.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF BILL—(*Contd*).

Clause 2.

PRESIDENT: We will now resume discussion of the amendments. The House was discussing amendment No. 34A when it rose yesterday. The Law Member will continue his speech.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, the amendment before the House is to delete sub-clause (*e*) (iv) of Clause 2. This sub-clause has three parts.

(i) Any debt incurred for purpose of trade, or

(ii) any debt due to a Co-operative Society, or

(iii) any debt arising out of any transaction of the nature of a lease including a *kavapattom* transaction falling within the purview of the Travancore Jenmi and Kudiyan Regulation of 1071."

The last class of debt, I will call briefly as rent-debt. It may not be accurate language; but for the purpose of what I am going to say, it will be expressive enough as it is really rent though technically it is a debt too. As the Bill now stands, the three classes of debts are excluded from the purview of definition of debts thereby making the relief provisions proposed by this Bill inapplicable except for purposes of conciliation. Now, if this amendment is carried, the effect will be that these three classes of debt will be subject to all the relief provisions

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